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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FORD TRUCKS

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1. SAUDI OFFICIALS APPROACHED ON INFORMAL BASIS PROFESS TO
KNOW NOTHING ABOUT PROBLEMS IN USING FORD TRUCKS SINCE NO NEW
INSTRUCTIONS ON RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

2. WE CONTACTED MOHAMED MOUDAYFER'S FIRM BY PHONE AT RIYADH
WHO STATED THAT HE HAD HAD NO PROBLEMS REGARDING USE OF FORD
TRUCKS AS CARRIERS IN TRANSIT. MR. AHMED SELOULI OF THE
MOUDAYFER OFFICE CALLED BACK LATER TO REPORT FIRM'S
INVESTIGATIONS WITH SAG CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.

3. SELOULI STATED THAT FORD TRUCKS COULD BE USED ONLY
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FOR CARRYING GOODS TRANSITING SAUDI ARABIA. GOODS CARRIED
BY FORD TRUCKS DESTINED FOR SAUDI ARABIA, HOWEVER,
HAVE BEEN FORBIDDEN ENTRY FOR SOME TIME. THERE WAS,
HOWEVER, SOME RELAXATION OF THIS RULE WHEN PRESSURE FOR
GOODS HERE WAS URGENT IN 1976 AND 1977. NOW, GOODS COMING
TO THE SAUDI BORDER IN FORD TRUCKS AND DESTINED FOR SAUDI
POINTS HAVE TO BE OFF-LOADED AT THE BORDER, TRNNSFERRED

TO OTHER TRUCKS, AND SHIPPED ON NON-BOYCOTTED VEHICLES,
NOT NECESSARILY BUT USUALLY FROM WITHIN SAUDI ARABIA.
GOODS IN TRANSIT, HOWEVER, TO OTHER POINTS SUCH AS KUWAIT
AND OTHER GULF POINTS COULD BE CARRIED TO THESE NON-SAUDI
DESTINATIONS ON FORD TRUCKS VIA SAUDI ARABIA.

4. MOHAMED MOUDAYFER'S MANAGER, SELOULI, STATED THAT
SHIPPING COMPANIES DESIRING SPECIFIC WAIVERS ON THE BAN
SHOULD APPLY TO THE BOYCOTT OFFICE IN THE MINISTRY OF
COMMERCE, ATTENTION: AHRAR KHOJA. HE STATED THAT SUCH
REQUESTS SHOULD COVER ONLY THOSE SHIPMENTS DESTINED FOR
SAUDI POINTS AND SHOULD NOT BE REQUESTED FOR FORD VEHICLES
IN TRANSIT.

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